

Appl. No. 09/734,057  
Amdt. dated September 15, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of August 24, 2005

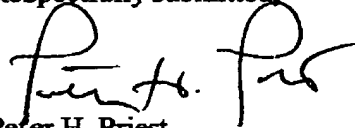
Remarks

The present amendment responds to the Official Action dated August 24, 2005. The Official Action rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as non-statutory. No prior art was applied. This ground of rejection is addressed below. Claim 1 has been amended to adopt the Examiner's suggestion to overcome the rejection. Claims 20 and 21 have been previously canceled. Claims 1-19 are presently pending and in order for allowance.

Conclusion

All of the presently pending claims, as amended, appearing to define over the applied references, withdrawal of the present rejection and prompt allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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